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In re Application of:)	
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Assignee: CCS Technology, Inc.)	
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Title: Process For Manufacture of An Optical Transmission Element With Several Dry And Compressible Filling Elements As Well As Optical Transmission Element		

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

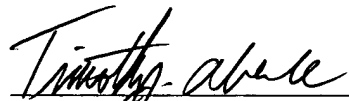
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